



# *City of Ridgecrest* **Police Department**

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Ronald Strand, Chief of Police

## **Press Release**

**DATE and TIME OF INCIDENT:** July 24, 2013

**TYPE OF INCIDENT:** Possession of Drugs and a Firearm arrest

**VICTIM:** State of California

**LOCATIONS OCCURRED:** 404 N. Norma St.

### **SUSPECTS:**

**Gerard, Gene Martin III – 20 year old Ridgecrest Resident:**

- H&S 11351 – Possession of a controlled substance for sales,
- H&S 11359 – Possession of Marijuana for sales,
- PC 29800 (a)(1) – Felon in Possession of a firearm,
- PC 30305 (a)(1) – Felon in possession of ammunition,
- H&S 11364.1 – Possession of paraphernalia

**Waddell, Richard Cody – 27 Year old Ridgecrest Resident:**

- PC 496(a) – Possession of stolen property.

On 7/24/2013, at about 1020 hours, Detectives and Officers from the Ridgecrest Police Department responded to 404 N. Norma St. to conduct a probation search on the residence. Upon arrival, officers contacted several subjects inside the residence. A search of the residence was conducted and the following contraband was located; approximately 2 ounces of suspected cocaine, a loaded .22 caliber revolver with the serial number removed, marijuana, several hypodermic syringes, packaging and scales, and a stolen HP laptop computer.

Gene Gerard III and Richard Waddell were arrested for the above listed charges. Gerard was booked and incarcerated at the Kern County Jail in Ridgecrest. Waddell was released on bail.

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**PREPARED BY:** Sgt. Jed McLaughlin

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